Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please amend Claims 1-10 and add new Claims 11-12 as follows:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A hybrid component ~~consisting of~~ comprising a metal body ~~(2)~~ and ~~of~~ a plastic body ~~(3)~~ injection-molded onto the metal body ~~latter, in particular for a motor vehicle, characterized in that~~ , wherein:

the metal body is ~~designed as~~ a sheet metal body ~~(2)~~ ~~which is produced~~ formed by one of edging, ~~and/or~~ stamping, ~~and/or~~ plastic forming and~~/or~~ cutting ~~from~~ a plate-shaped metal sheet provided with a surface coating ~~(4)~~ on at least one visible side thereof; ~~and which~~

the metal body has at least one uncoated ~~processing or cut or stamped~~ edge ~~(5)~~, ~~in that~~ and

the plastic body ~~(3)~~ is ~~designed for stiffening~~ adapted to stiffen the sheet metal body ~~(2)~~ and ~~is injected molded such that it~~ seals the at least one uncoated edges~~;~~ ~~(5) of the sheet metal body (2)~~.

2. (Currently Amended) The hybrid component as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the sheet metal body ~~(2)~~ is produced from a coil- of coated metal sheet.

3. (Currently Amended) The hybrid component as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein, ~~the plastic body (3) consists,~~ in ~~the~~ a region of the uncoated edges ~~(5)~~ of the sheet metal body ~~(2)~~, ~~of~~ the plastic body comprises a plastic ~~(7')~~ other than that in the remaining body.

4. (Currently Amended) The hybrid component as claimed in claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the plastic body ~~(3)~~ is ~~designed as~~ one of a single-component part and ~~or as~~ a two-component part.

5. (Currently Amended) The hybrid component as claimed in ~~one of~~ claims 1 ~~to 4~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the plastic body ~~(3)~~ completely covers ~~one of the~~ a visible sides of the sheet metal body ~~(2)~~.

6. (Currently Amended) A method for the production of a hybrid component ~~(1) consisting of~~ comprising a sheet metal body ~~(2)~~ and a plastic body ~~(3)~~, the method comprising:

~~in which the~~ forming a sheet metal body ~~(2) is produced~~ by one of edging, ~~and/or~~ stamping, ~~and/or~~ plastic forming and cutting ~~of~~ a plate-shaped metal sheet provided with a surface coating ~~(4)~~ on at least one visible side, ~~in such a way that~~ whereby at least one uncoated cut ~~or stamped~~ edges ~~(5) are generated~~ is formed on the sheet metal body ~~(2)~~,

~~in which the plastic body (3) is injected-molded~~ injection molding a plastic body onto the sheet metal body ~~(2)~~ such that the plastic body ~~(3)~~ stiffens the sheet metal body ~~(2)~~ and seals the at least one uncoated edge~~s (5) of the latter~~.

7. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the sheet metal body ~~(2)~~ is produced from a coil- of coated metal sheet.

8. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 6 ~~or 7~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein:

the plastic body ~~(3)~~ is injection-molded onto the sheet metal body ~~(2)~~ by means of a two-component technology, ~~the plastic body (3) consisting;~~, and

in ~~the~~ a region of ~~the~~ uncoated edges ~~(5)~~ of the sheet metal body ~~(2)~~, the plastic body comprises ~~of~~ a plastic ~~(7')~~ ~~other than~~ which differs from that in the remaining body.

9. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 8, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the injection molding of the plastic body ~~(3)~~ by the two-component technology is carried out in a single injection-molding die ~~(8)~~.

10. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in ~~one of~~ claims 6 ~~to 9~~, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the plastic body ~~(3)~~ is injection-molded onto the

sheet metal body ~~(2)~~ such that it completely covers ~~one of the~~ a visible sides of the sheet metal body ~~(2)~~.

11. (New) A hybrid component comprising:

a sheet metal body formed from a plate-shaped metal sheet using a forming process selected from the group consisting of edging, stamping, plastic forming and cutting;

a surface coating formed on at least one visible side of said sheet metal body, said surface coating covering said at least one visible side, except for at least one uncoated edge formed during said forming process; and

a plastic body injection-molded onto the sheet metal body;

wherein the plastic body is adapted to stiffen the sheet metal body and seals the at least one uncoated edge.

12. (New) A method of making a hybrid component comprising a sheet metal body and a plastic body, the method comprising:

providing a plate-shaped metal sheet having a surface coating on at least one visible side thereof;

forming a sheet metal body having at least one uncoated cut or stamped edge by one of edging, stamping, plastic forming and cutting the plate-shaped metal sheet; and

forming a plastic body by injection molding a plastic material onto the sheet metal body;

wherein the plastic body is adapted to stiffen the sheet metal body, and seals the at least one uncoated cut or stamped edge.